(f) Supply of a range of improved variety of Agricultural seeds to Afghanistan.

(g) Deputation of Indian experts to Kabul.

(h) Indian help to Afghanistan in conducting feasibility studies for setting up of Coal Briquette manufacturing factory.

2. Indian assistance to Afghanistan would be in the nature of grants under the ITEC programme.

High-rise buildings in Delhi

@2809-D. SHRI J.P. GOYAL:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Indian Express of the 6th August, 1985 under the heading High-rise buildings flout fire rules;

(b) what is the total number of high-rise buildings in Delhli which are unsafe from the fire point of view; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to ensure that colonisers and builders adhere to the norms prescribed in this regard and provide adequate essential fire fighting equipment in their projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per assessment of the Delhi Fire Service, 207 high rise buildings are found to be not adequately protected with in-built fire protection arrangements and means of escape.

(c) The unified building bye-laws which came into force in June 1983 make it obligatory to provide for adequate arrangements for fire-safety as recommended by the Chief Fire Officer before the building plans are sanctioned. A 'no objection' certificate is also required from the Chief Fire Officer before grant of completion certificate to ensure that the recommendations regarding fire safety have been carried out.

Botanical Garden in Delhi

@@2809-E. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Botanical Garden in Delhi has been set up;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the time by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) to (c) The setting up of National Botanical Garden in or near Delhi is a Seventh Plan scheme. Subject to availability of funds, action for setting up the Garden will be taken. Preparatory work has begun for locating suitable sites.

Fall in savings rate

$2809. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether overall savings rate has come down from 26 per cent to 24 per cent;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the manner in which Government propose to meet resource availability?

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2887, transferred from the 23rd August, 1985.

@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2865, transferred from the 23rd August, 1985.

Previously Unstarred Question No. 2458, transferred from the 20th August, 1985.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) The highest of domestic savings reached in India was 24.7 per cent of GDP at market prices in 1978-79. Since then, the rate of savings has declined; the rate for 1983-84 has been estimated at 22.6 per cent.

(b) The decline in the rate of domestic savings was mainly due to a fall in the household sector saving from 18.1 per cent of GDP in 1978-79 to 16.8 per cent in 1983-84. There was also a fall in the rate of savings of the public sector which was caused mainly by the fall in the savings of the administrative departments of the Government.

(c) It is estimated that with suitable policies, the rate of domestic savings could be made to average 24 per cent during the Seventh Plan period. This, together with the expected inflow of capital, would enable financing of the proposed investment outlay during the Plan period.

***WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 21ST AUGUST, 1985**

Recommendations of the Vice-Chancellors' Conference

*401. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what recommendations have been made by the Vice-Chancellors' Conference in its report submitted to Government in June 1985; and

(b) whether it has recommended a 5 per cent contribution by each Ministry on the ground that their manpower requirements are ultimately taken care of by educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The UGC had set up a Committee of Vice-Chancellors to prepare a Status Paper on Higher Education in the context of the on-going review of the Education Policy. The Report of this Committee was forwarded by the UGC in June 1985. It suggested that plan allocations for major developmental sectors should include 5 per cent of such allocations for manpower development.

बिहार में दुर्गावती जलाशय परियोजना

*402. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद :** क्या **सिंचाई और विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दुर्गावती जलाशय परियोजना (कर्मचट बांध, बिहार की आधारशिला 1976 में रखी गई थी ;

(ख) तो क्या यह परियोजना 1980 तक पूरी हो जाने वाली थी ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि यह परियोजना अभी तक पूरी नहीं हुई है ; और

(घ) यदि उपरोक्त भागों का उत्तर "हां" में हो तो इस परियोजना को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानंद) : (क) से (घ) परियोजना पर निर्माण कार्य 1976 में आरम्भ किया गया था तथा परियोजना रिपोर्ट के अनुसार इसको लगभग 6 वर्षों में पूरा किया जाना था । राज्य सरकार ने अभी परियोजना कार्य पूरा नहीं किए हैं । सातवीं योजना में निर्माणाधीन परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने को प्राथमिकता दी गई है ।

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, the 21st August, 1985 was adjourned after obituary Reference. Answers to Questions put down in the Lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on thursday, the 22nd August, 1985.